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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/477,298

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Christopher E. Pearce et al.  
Serial No.: 09/477,298  
Filed: January 4, 2000  
Group No.: 2668  
Examiner: Steven Blount  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: February 28, 2006  
Confirmation No.: 9049  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING MULTICAST  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

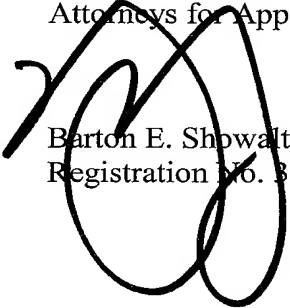
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 11, 14, 16-19, 21, 22, 26-29, 31, 34-38, 40-43 and 46-58. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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